

RISE IN BREAD PRICE STARTS TOMORROW

Five-Cent Loaves Will Go to Six
Cents and Ten-Cent Loaves
Will Be Reduced in Weight.

PIE AND CAKE GO UP, TOO

Both Large and Small Concerns De-
cide on Increase, but Deny There
Is Any Agreement.

The price of a 5-cent loaf of bread will be 8 cents beginning tomorrow, the 10-cent loaf will be reduced in weight, rolls will be advanced from 10 to 12 cents a dozen, rye bread will be increased from 7 cents to 8 cents a loaf, and the prices of pies and cake will be advanced generally. This announcement was made yesterday by the large baking concerns, and it is presumed the smaller bakers will follow suit. All are careful to say that their action was taken as individuals and the increase is not the result of an agreement.

In addition to this, the price of stale bread, a commodity which is bought by thousands of the poor, will be advanced. Stale bread will be sold two loaves for 6 cents instead of two loaves for 5 cents, as heretofore. From a statement made by one of the bakers, a movement is under consideration to stop the practice of taking back bread left on the retailer's hands. The committee appointed on Sunday at the meeting of the East Side Protective Association did not call upon Mayor Mitchell yesterday. Because of the absence of Justice Aaron J. Levy the visit was postponed until tomorrow.

In making the announcement of the rise in prices, a representative of the Ward Baking Company said that the bakers had held off as long as they possibly could, but the rise had been forced upon them because of the advance in the price of wheat.

At the suggestion of State Commissioner of Foods John J. Dillon, Attorney General E. E. Woodbury has sent Deputy Attorney General Alfred L. Becker to this city to join in an investigation of the causes of the advance in the price of wheat and flour and the increase in the price of bread announced to begin tomorrow.

The price of a barrel of baker's patent wheat flour yesterday was \$8.75, and rye flour is \$7.50, according to George E. Millsbaugh, head of the Howe Baking Company, 335 Third Avenue, the Bronx. He said that the millers will take no contracts for future delivery.

In New York bread is sold wholesale in four, five, and eight cent loaves ranging from eleven to twenty-two ounces. Mr. Millsbaugh has been figuring out the exact cost of bread. A barrel of flour costs \$8.75. To make it into bread, he has figured, there will be required three pounds of lard at 12 cents a pound; two pounds of yeast at 30 cents a pound; two pounds of sugar at 6 cents a pound, and one and a third of a pound of salt, at 5 cents a pound. This makes the cost for one barrel mixed at \$9.91, and it makes 288 pounds of dough, from which can be produced 372 twelve-ounce loaves of bread, which is sold at wholesale at 4 cents and at retail at 5 cents. The overhead charges include labor, rent, delivery, light, heat, and fuel, and Mr. Millsbaugh has estimated that the profit to the baker is less than one cent on each loaf.

The Schultz Baking Company announced the rise in the price of the five-cent loaf with an increase of from one to one and a half ounces in the weight of the six-cent loaf. The ten-cent loaf will be reduced two ounces.

The General Baking Company, 30 Church Street, which comprises the Fleischmann interests, and the Cushman bakeries and the Ward Baking Company intend to raise prices on Wednesday. In Brooklyn and in Long Island City several of the big baking companies notified the dealers yesterday that they intend to put into operation the same scale of prices that will hold in Manhattan. In Newark it is stated that the bakers are going to raise bread a cent a loaf.

Abraham Shiplikoff, Secretary of the United Hebrew Trades, said last evening that the boss bakers yesterday declared an open shop and started a lockout of union bakers in Brownsville, because the workmen refused to accept a reduction in wages, which the employers said was rendered necessary on account of the increase in the prices of flour and wheat.

NATIONAL DEFENSE CRUSADE

Security League Opens Permanent
Headquarters at 25 Pine Street.

The National Security League, of which S. Stanwood Menken is President, has opened permanent headquarters on the ground floor at 25 Pine Street. This was announced by Mr. Menken last night, who, among other things, stated that the league, which now embraces in its membership some of the most prominent men in this country, had decided to support in every legitimate manner possible the plans recommended by Secretary of War Garrison for the more efficient organization of the regular army.

Mr. Menken said that it had been decided gradually to expand the league throughout the nation until it had branches in all the leading cities of the country. It will be supported on the membership plan, the membership fee having been placed at \$1. A Committee on Publication will also shortly be named.

Ex-Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who is the Chairman of the Army Committee of the league, has appointed a sub-committee to make a study of the army situation and to report back its findings at the earliest opportunity. This committee is made up of Capt. Matthew E. Hanna, U. S. A., retired; Gen. Francis Vinton Greene, Col. William C. Church, and F. L. Huidekoper. A similar committee to report on the navy has also been named.

For early next month, Mr. Menken said, a great mass meeting to discuss the national defense situation had been planned.

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